

Strategy for International Cooperation in Acquisition, Technology and Logistics



VISION

Promote international cooperative acquisition, technology and logistics programs, projects and activities that will enable the warfighter to be well prepared and supported for military operations, including coalition operations, to defeat any adversary on any battlefield.

STRATEGY

The International Cooperation in Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Strategy provides the vision, goals and outcomes/successes to guide and prioritize international cooperation activities, in concert with the SECDEF's guidance, DoD 5000 Series, and the USD(AT&L)'s Strategic Goals Implementation Plan.

GOAL 1 – Define Effective and Affordable Tools for the Joint Warfighter

Outcomes/Successes:

1. Develop acquisition, technology and logistics regional strategies, and selected country strategies, in concert with the SECDEF's guidance. Work with countries of emphasis directed by DoD policy while sustaining other important relationships.
2. Coordinate existing DoD funding elements related to international cooperation, including studies and personnel exchanges, and assess adequacy.
3. Develop and employ methods for consistent review of the cooperative opportunities assessment in the Technology Development Strategy and Acquisition Strategy.
4. Ensure international implications of logistics support are addressed in each developmental system. Identify and document the most pressing international challenges and barriers, including lessons learned, to greater international logistics cooperation.

GOAL 2 – Responsibly Spend Every Single Tax Dollar

Outcomes/Successes:

1. Identify for USD(AT&L) opportunities to use international cooperation to save money and improve operational effectiveness.
2. Identify for USD(AT&L) instances when exportability is not being designed into developmental systems.

3. Identify and seek to reduce, eliminate or otherwise mitigate U.S. and foreign barriers to international defense trade.
4. Support a streamlined process to assess global Science and Technology (S&T) capabilities and identify mutually advantageous cooperative technology development plans with friends and allies. Leverage opportunities for cost-sharing and cooperative development across the RDA and T&E process.

GOAL 3 – Take Care of our People

Outcomes/Successes:

1. Implement and execute an International Acquisition Career Path for the Program Management Career Field.
2. Define potential career paths and training requirements for international cooperation personnel as part of the acquisition workforce.
3. Improve international acquisition training, and make it available to the members of the entire defense workforce who conduct or support international cooperative programs as well as their equivalents in allied nations' workforces.

GOAL 4 – DoD Transformation Priorities

Outcomes/Successes:

1. Reinvigorate the international strategic planning process. Support other AT&L organization-specific international strategies, teams and efforts.
2. Execute coalition warfare initiatives across the spectrum of multinational operations.
3. Streamline and improve international business processes using Continuous Process Improvement/Lean Six Sigma (CPI/LSS) techniques.
4. Develop informational presentations on international cooperation in acquisition, technology and logistics and provide to acquisition impact stakeholders in Defense and Congress. Extend this approach to foreign and domestic industrial groups, symposiums, and conferences, and selected educational and professional forums.

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